(b) No. Sir.

(c) No specific instance has been reported.

(d) No, Sir.

Supply of HR sheets by SAIL to North Bihar Development Authorities

1510. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 thousand tonnes of HR Sheets or coils were allotted to North Bihar Development Authorities in April, 1991 and the same were concealed;

(b) the number of false manufacturing companies situated in the North Bihar and South Bihar with their manufacturing capacity; and the quantity that is supplied to them annually by SAIL;

(c) The details of the orders placed by Government with these companies in terms of quantum and price; and

(d) whether Government propose to institute an enquiry in the affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There was no supply of 10,000 tonnes of HR sheets or coils to North Bihar Development Authorities by Steel Authority of India Limited, in April, 1991.

(b) No such information is available.

(c) No such information is available.

(d) No, Sir.

Production of Steel

1511. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of steel at present;

(b) the name of the State where maximum steel is produced; and

(c) what was the total export of steel during 1989 and whether the export increased in subsequent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total production of finished steel during the year 1991-92 is estimated to be about 14·5 million tonnes.

(b) Production figures of steel are not compiled on State-wise basis.

(c) The total export of steel during the year 1989 was 299,000 tonnes. It is a fact that in subsequent years, exports have increased.

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का निजीकरण

1512. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी**: क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण शुरू किए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) और (ख) इस्पात मंत्रालय के सरकारी क्षेत्र के किसी उपक्रम के निजीकरण का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । हालांकि सरकार ने अपनियोजन किया है और स्टील अथारिटी आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड के साम्य शेयरों के एक भाग को वित्तीय संस्थाओं/म्यूचुवल फण्डों को बेचा है । मेटल स्क्रैप ट्रेड कारपोरेशन के लिए भी इसी प्रकार के कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। वित्तीय कठिनाइयों को ध्यान में रखते हुए एस बी आई कैपिटल मार्केट्स लिमिटेड को इण्डियन आयरन एण्ड स्टील कम्पनी लिमिटेड की आधुनिकीकरण योजनाओं को हाथ में लेने के लिए निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की सम्भावनाओं का पता लगाने का कार्य सौंपा गया है । चयनात्मक आधार पर खनन क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की भी गुंजाइश है ।

Export targets of SAIL

1513. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited is unlikely to fulfil the export targets in the current year;